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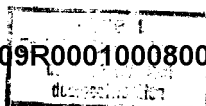
1 April 1971

25X1A 1. "Mrs. Polifax - Spy": At the Morning Meeting on 1 April the Director announced that he had been offered for private showing the film "Mrs. Polifax - Spy". It was agreed that it might be better to screen it in a small group before showing it more generally in the auditorium. After the meeting Mr. Helms confirmed with United Artists that he would like to have the film for showing on 12 April. He requested that I arrange with United Artists for the pickup and return of the film and also for arranging separately for showing it in one of the small theaters. By telephone I laid on with United Artists (Mr. Berman's office) to get the film on the morning of Friday, 9 April and to return it in the afternoon of 12 April. I subsequently arranged with [REDACTED] Chief, Pictorial Service Branch, CRS, to get the film at Clark Services with which he is already familiar and to set it up for showing at noon on 12 April. [REDACTED] advised subsequently that he would use the 1-E-78 studio and that the film running time is 110 minutes. 25X1A

2. Meeting with Participants of Advanced Operations Course: As part of my 1 April session with the participants in the Advanced Operations Course a number of points were made by the participants. One subject which drew opposing reactions was whether the Agency should consciously do something about its image and challenges thereto or should maintain the more traditional no comment posture. I noted my belief that there appears to be a slight move in the direction of presenting at least factual information designed to correct the common misimpressions.

Of clear significance was the discussion concerning employee attitudes and mores as related to the Agency and domestic problems. I had mentioned the Youth Forum and attitudes reflected in one panel session plus the current Agency policy tolerance which does not automatically disqualify candidates for employment who may have experimented once or twice with marijuana. I was "picked up" on both points. On marijuana one "student" expressed botherment

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that the Agency would in its recruitment policies and practices condone illegal actions by would-be employees. On the other subject I was faced with the views of a number of the course participants strongly against the existence of employees who are challenging the morality and relevance of the Agency. The AOC students had apparently been exposed at [REDACTED] to the existence of five Operations Familiarizations Course students who were not satisfied that they could continue as Agency employees on the Agency morality issue and who were meeting with an [REDACTED] staffer tonight to air their views. I distinguished the views and attitudes expressed at the Youth Forum Panel from not being able to condone the morality of CIA as an institution. I also distinguished this latter subject from the questioning on the part of very many loyal Americans of the war and our involvement in Southeast Asia.

After the session I talked to Mr. Cunningham to advise him of this part of the discussion and of the worries expressed by these CS officers that the existence of these questioning attitudes reflected adversely on our recruiting and screening mechanics, that it reflected individuals who might be successfully targeted by other intelligence services and potential and perhaps actual security worries for the CS officers themselves on an exposure theory. I "worried" to Mr. Cunningham that these AOC students could put their worries into a broad CS arena with obvious potential repercussions for us. Mr. Cunningham who had already heard of this discussion was trying to determine from [REDACTED] the who and where of this evening's discussion. He, however, expressed surprise that people would be surprised that the sentiments did exist. He indicated awareness over a period of years of numbers of occasions on which the same ideas came out. He also expressed the belief that the DD/P himself would not be as surprised or tender as the AOC students. And, he further hoped that we would tend to go by ears so that we would at least be aware of attitudes and sentiments rather than attempting to shut off or bottle up any expression or discussion.

3. Utility Survey: As a part of the Headquarters utility survey the commercial contractor laid out for aerial photographing white panels marking water and sewage points. The aerial photographs were taken on 27 March. At the Morning Meeting on 30 March the DD/I announced that a high resolution

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[REDACTED] satellite would be orbiting this area with a first pass time over the compound of 11:30 a.m. He noted that the existence of the panels might make for interesting commentary as the photographs were examined. After the meeting I passed this information to Mr. Blake with the request that an effort be made to remove the panels before 11:30 [REDACTED] 25X1C

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[REDACTED] Mr. Blake arranged for O/S and O/L assistance to successfully accomplish the objective before 11:30. I reported this at the 1 April Morning Meeting noting that I had neglected to bring it up on 31 March. The Director was gratified at the evidence of Agency ability to coordinate actions.

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